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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM*

Iraqi Situation Report

(As of 1100 EDT, 30 June 1966)

1. A coup attempt under the leadership of ex-premier Abd al-Razzaq is presently in progress against the Arif-Bazzaz regime. Baghdad radio is in the hands of the Razzaq forces, who have broadcast a proclamation, signed by Razzaq, stating that the Iraqi Army "will assume powers" in the country. A second proclamation has imposed a curfew throughout Iraq and closed all airports. We have received no information on the extent of opposition to the move.

2. Razzaq, a former air force chief, was the leader of an abortive coup attempt against the present president's brother last September, after which he fled to Cairo.

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